

## CODIFICATION

In subsec. (a), “chapter 51 and subchapter III of chapter 53 of title 5” substituted for “the Classification Act of 1949, as amended” on authority of Pub. L. 89-554, §7(b), Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 631, the first section of which enacted Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

**§ 557. Rules and regulations**

The Secretary of the Interior may issue rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this chapter.

(Aug. 31, 1954, ch. 1156, §7, 68 Stat. 1011.)

**§ 558. Authorization of appropriations**

There are hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums,<sup>1</sup> as may be necessary to carry out the provisions and purposes of this chapter.

(Aug. 31, 1954, ch. 1156, §8, 68 Stat. 1011; Oct. 24, 1992, Pub. L. 102-486, title XXV, §2504(d)(3), 106 Stat. 3106.)

## AMENDMENTS

1992—Pub. L. 102-486 struck out “not to exceed \$500,000 annually,” after “such sums.”.

**CHAPTER 14—ANTHRACITE MINE DRAINAGE AND FLOOD CONTROL**

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## CHAPTER REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This chapter is referred to in title 40 App. section 205.

**§ 571. Declaration of policy**

It is hereby recognized that the presence of large volumes of water in anthracite coal formations involves serious wastage of the fuel resources of the Nation, and constitutes a menace to health and safety and national security. It is therefore declared to be the policy of the Congress to provide for the control and drainage of water in the anthracite coal formations and thereby conserve natural resources, promote national security, prevent injuries and loss of life, and preserve public and private property, and to seal abandoned coal mines and to fill voids in abandoned coal mines, in those instances where such work is in the interest of the public health or safety.

(July 15, 1955, ch. 369, §1, 69 Stat. 352; Oct. 15, 1962, Pub. L. 87-818, §1(1), 76 Stat. 934.)

## AMENDMENTS

1962—Pub. L. 87-818 declared it to be the policy of the Congress “to seal abandoned coal mines and to fill

voids in abandoned coal mines, in those instances where such work is in the interest of the public health or safety”.

## SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 572 of this title.

**§ 572. United States contributions to Pennsylvania: authority, conditions, limitations**

The Secretary of the Interior is authorized, in order to carry out the purposes mentioned in section 571 of this title, to make financial contributions on the basis of programs or projects approved by the Secretary to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (hereinafter designated as the “Commonwealth”) to seal abandoned coal mines and to fill voids in abandoned coal mines, in those instances where such work is in the interest of the public health or safety, and for control and drainage of water which, if not so controlled or drained, will cause the flooding of anthracite coal formations, said contributions to be applied to the cost of drainage works, pumping plants, and related facilities but subject, however, to the following conditions and limitations:

**(a) Contributions to be matched by Commonwealth**

The amounts authorized to be contributed by the Secretary of the Interior to the Commonwealth shall be equally matched by the Commonwealth;

**(b) Amount of contributions authorized**

The total amount of contributions by the Secretary of the Interior under the authority of this chapter shall not exceed \$8,500,000, of which \$1,500,000 of the unexpended balance remaining as of July 31, 1962, shall be reserved for the control and drainage of water;

**(c) Limitation on use of contribution**

The amounts contributed by the Secretary of the Interior under the authority of this chapter and the equally matched amounts contributed by the Commonwealth shall not be used for operating and maintaining projects constructed pursuant to this chapter or for the purchase of culm, rock, or spoil banks;

**(d) Commonwealth responsible for installation and operation of projects**

The Commonwealth shall have full responsibility for installing, operating, and maintaining projects constructed pursuant to this chapter, and shall give evidence, satisfactory to the Secretary of the Interior, that it will enforce effective installation, operation, and maintenance safeguards;

**(e) Location and operation of projects**

Projects constructed pursuant to this chapter shall be so located, operated, and maintained as to provide the maximum conservation of anthracite coal resources or, in those instances where such work would be in the interest of the public health or safety, to seal abandoned coal mines and to fill voids in abandoned coal mines, and, where possible, to avoid creating inequities among those mines which may be affected by the waters to be controlled thereby; and

<sup>1</sup> So in original. The comma probably should not appear.